

# Experimental Results: Random digits and hypothesis testing

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## 48 marks

In this question, we will explore the data collected in class.

You will need to download the data `class_data.csv` from the assignment website and save it somewhere. Supposing the data to have been saved in a directory `dataDirectory`, read it into R as

```
# Usual helper for paths
path_concat <- function(path1, path2, sep="/") {
  paste(path1, path2, sep = sep)
}

data <- read.csv(file = path_concat(dataDirectory, "class_data.csv"))
```

Having loaded the data, you might have a look at its contents using any of the standard functions:

```
# just print it
data
# view its contents as a spreadsheet (in RStudio)
View(data)
# or, look at its data structure
str(data)
```

You will find that it is a `data.frame` with variables

```
names(data)

## [1] "random_digit" "student_digit" "green_card1"   "green_card2"
## [5] "red_card1"    "red_card2"
```

Each row contains one student's answer to the questions associated with these names.

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Here we will only consider the results on the digits (0-9) obtained in class.

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Recall how the data on the digits 0, 1, ..., 9 were collected.

Each person was first asked to write the words “random digit” on a card. They were then given a few seconds to think up a single *random* digit from 0 to 9 and then record it on the card.

On the other side of the card, each person then wrote “student digit” and below it recorded the *last* digit of their student id number.

These two digits provide the values for the variables `random_digit` and `student_digit` appearing in the data set `data` above.

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1. Suppose a digit,  $d$ , is generated as a realization from a random variable  $D$  which is uniformly distributed on the digits  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 8, 9\}$ . That is, for any value  $d \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 8, 9\}$  we have

$$Pr(D = d) = \frac{1}{10}.$$

- a. *(1 mark)* Determine the expectation  $E(D)$ .

$$E(D) = \sum_{D=0}^9 D \cdot P(D) = \sum_{D=0}^9 \frac{D}{10} = 4.5$$

- b. *(2 marks)* Determine the expectation  $E(D^2)$  and hence the standard deviation  $SD(D)$ .

$$E(D) = \sum_{D=0}^9 D^2 \cdot P(D) = \sum_{D=0}^9 \frac{D^2}{10} = 28.5$$

$$Var(D) = E(D^2) - E(D)^2 = 28.5 - 4.5^2 = 8.25$$

$$SD(D) = \sqrt{Var(D)} = \sqrt{8.25} = 2.872281$$

- c. *(1 mark)* Determine the median of  $D$ .

$$median(D) = 4.5$$

- d. Suppose we consider the random variable  $C$  which for some fixed value  $d \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$

$$C = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } D = d \\ 0 & \text{when } D \neq d \end{cases}$$

which implies

$$Pr(C = 1) = Pr(D = d) = \frac{1}{10}$$

and

$$Pr(C = 0) = Pr(D \neq d) = 1 - Pr(D = d) = \frac{9}{10}$$

Suppose we have  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$  independent and identically distributed random variables with

Let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i$ .

- i. *(1 mark)* What is the name of the probability distribution of  $X$ ?

- binomial distribution

- ii. *(1 mark)* Hence, write down an expression  $Pr(X = x)$  for  $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ .

$$Pr(X = x) = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{10}\right)^{n-k}$$

iii. \*(1 mark)\* Hence, write down an expression  $E(X)$ .

$$E(X) = np = \frac{n}{10}$$

e. Using the `data` from class, for **each** of the variables `random\_digit` and `student\_digit`, calculate

i. \*(2 marks)\* sample average,

```
s_digit <- data$student_digit
r_digit <- data$random_digit
s_digit_mean <- mean(s_digit)
r_digit_mean <- mean(r_digit)
print(s_digit_mean)
```

```
## [1] 4.595238
```

```
print(r_digit_mean)
```

```
## [1] 5.5
```

```
- The mean of student_digit is 4.595238
- The mean of random_digit is 5.5
```

ii. \*(2 marks)\* sample standard deviation,

```
s_digit_sd <- sd(s_digit)
r_digit_sd <- sd(r_digit)
print(s_digit_sd)
```

```
## [1] 3.052864
```

```
print(r_digit_sd)
```

```
## [1] 2.778401
```

```
- The standard deviation of student_digit is 3.052864
- The standard deviation of random_digit is 2.778401
```

iii. \*(2 marks)\* sample median,

```
s_digit_median <- median(s_digit)
r_digit_median <- median(r_digit)
print(s_digit_median)
```

```
## [1] 5
```

```
print(r_digit_median)
```

```
## [1] 7
```

```
- The median of student_digit is 5
- The median of random_digit is 7
```

iv. \*(3 marks)\* and compare these to the corresponding theoretical values from the distribution of \$

Varname	Theoretical	student_digit	random_digit
mean	4.5	4.595238	5.5
median	4.5	5	7
standard deviation	2.872281	3.052864	2.778401

\* student\_digit sample has larger mean, median,  
and standard deviation than theoretical value  
\* random\_digit sample has larger mean,  
and median than theoretical results.  
\* But its standard deviation is smaller than theoretical value

v. \*(1 mark)\* Which of `random\_digit` and `student\_digit` have sample values closer to the theoretic

- student\_digit have sample values closer to the theoretical  
values because the median and mean of student\_digit  
is closes to theroretical values. student\_digit and random\_digit  
have standards deviation are all close to the theoretical sd.

-- Student\_digit is more close to theoretical(uniform distribution)

f. \*(3 marks)\* Calculate  $\Pr(X = x)$  when  $n = 42$  and  $x = 0, 5, 10$ .

$$\Pr(X = 0) = \binom{42}{0} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^0 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{42-0} = 0.01197251518$$

$$\Pr(X = 5) = \binom{42}{5} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^5 \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{42-5} = 0.17247769726$$

$$\Pr(X = 10) = \binom{42}{10} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^{10} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{42-10} = 0.00505246993$$


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2. We are interested testing the hypothesis

H: the observed digits  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  are independent realizations of a random variable  $D$  uniformly distributed on the digits  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$ .

In particular, we are interested in testing this hypothesis for each of two samples `student_digit` and `random_digit`.

a. (4 marks) The function `stem()` is a simple way to get a quick picture (a “stem and leaf plot”) of the distribution of a set of digits. Use `stem()` to construct a picture of each of the following:

i. the values of `student_digit`,

```
stem(s_digit)
```

```
##
## The decimal point is at the |
##
## 0 | 000000
## 1 | 0000
## 2 | 000
## 3 | 0
## 4 | 000000
## 5 | 000
## 6 | 0000000
## 7 | 0
## 8 | 0000000
## 9 | 0000
```

ii. the values of ``random_digit``,

```
stem(r_digit)
```

```
##
## The decimal point is at the |
##
## 0 | 000
## 1 | 0
## 2 | 000
## 3 | 000000
## 4 | 00
## 5 | 00
## 6 | 000
## 7 | 0000000000000
## 8 | 0000
## 9 | 000000
```

iii. and, for comparison, a sample of the same size from a uniform distribution on the digits using the function ``sample()``.

```
uniform_sample <- sample(1:10, replace = TRUE, 40)
stem(uniform_sample)
```

```
##
## The decimal point is at the |
##
## 1 | 0000
## 2 | 00
## 3 | 0000
```

```
## 4 | 000000
## 5 | 000
## 6 | 00000
## 7 | 00
## 8 | 000
## 9 | 0000000
## 10 | 0000
```

Which of `student\_digit` or `random\_digit` looks more like it might have come from a Uniform on the

- student\_digit looks more like it might have come from a Uniform on the digits because the leng

b. A more formal way to assess whether a sample of values appear to come from a hypothesized distributi

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i}$$

where  $o_i$  is the observed number of values in the  $i$ th "cell",  $e_i$  is the expected number to f

In our case, the cells are the 10 different possible digits (so  $m = 10$ ) and  $o_i$  is the number o

$\chi^2$  is a discrepancy measure which is larger whenever the  $o_i$  are relatively far from their e

If the hypothesized model is true, then the distribution of  $\chi^2$  can usually be approximated a

i. *(4 marks)* Write a function `count\_digits()` which takes a vector of digits `d` and returns a n

```
count_digits <- function(d) {
  len<- length(d)
  digits <- seq(0,len-1,1)
  return(sapply(digits,function(x) sum(d==x))[1:10])
}
```

```
my_digits <- c(0, 1, 3, 4, 7, 1, 4, 9, 7, 4)
print("my_function returns:")
```

```
## [1] "my_function returns:"
```

```
count_digits(my_digits)
```

```
## [1] 1 2 0 1 3 0 0 2 0 1
```

```
# would return a vector equal to
print("it should be: ")
```

```
## [1] "it should be: "
```

```
c(1, 2, 0, 1, 3, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1)
```

```
## [1] 1 2 0 1 3 0 0 2 0 1
```

```
# for example if
my_digits <- c(0, 1, 3, 4, 7, 1, 4, 9, 7, 4)
# then
count_digits(my_digits)
```

```
# would return a vector equal to
c(1, 2, 0, 1, 3, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1)
```
```

Note, that we will assume that `d` will be an integer vector containing only values in  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$ .

No error checking is required for now.

ii. \*(2 marks)\* Demonstrate your function on the digits of the variable `student\_digit` and on the

```
count_digits(s_digit)
```

```
## [1] 6 4 3 1 6 3 7 1 7 4
```

```
count_digits(r_digit)
```

```
## [1] 3 1 3 6 2 2 3 12 4 6
```

iii. \*(4 marks)\* Write the function `Pearson\_chi\_sq(observed, expected)` which calculates  $\chi^2$

Again, for expediency it will be assumed that both `observed` and `expected` vectors contain

However, you should check that the lengths of `observed` and `expected` match and stop if t

```
Pearson_chi_sq <- function (observed,
                           expected = sum(observed)/length(observed)) {
  if(length(expected) == 1){
    expected = rep(expected,length((observed)))
  }
  if(length(observed) != length(expected)){
    print("Lengths do not match")
    return()
  }
  values <- mapply(function(x,y){(x-y)^2/y}, observed, expected)
  return(sum(values))
}
```

```
Pearson_chi_sq(count_digits(data$student_digit))
```

```
## [1] 10.85714
```

```
Pearson_chi_sq(count_digits(data$random_digit))
```

```
## [1] 21.80952
```

```
- The Pearson_chi_sq
```

```
-
```

iv. \*(2 marks)\* Check your function by comparing the values of `Pearson\_chi\_sq(observed)` to resul

`count\_digits(data\$student\_digit)` and `count\_digits(data\$random\_digit)` in turn.

```
chisq.test(count_digits(data$student_digit))$statistic
```

```
## Warning in chisq.test(count_digits(data$student_digit)): Chi-squared
```

```
## approximation may be incorrect
```

```
## X-squared
## 10.85714
```

```
chisq.test(count_digits(data$random_digit))$statistic
```

```
## Warning in chisq.test(count_digits(data$random_digit)): Chi-squared
## approximation may be incorrect
```

```
## X-squared
## 21.80952
```

v. \*(2 marks)\* Using the function `pchisq()` calculate the  $p$ -value testing the uniformity hypothesis. Show that your  $p$ -values agree with those produced by `chisq.test(observed)$p.value` for the counts of

```
pchisq(Pearson_chi_sq(count_digits(data$student_digit)),9,lower.tail = FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 0.2856284
```

```
pchisq(Pearson_chi_sq(count_digits(data$random_digit)),9,lower.tail = FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 0.009502653
```

```
chisq.test(count_digits(data$student_digit))$p.value
```

```
## Warning in chisq.test(count_digits(data$student_digit)): Chi-squared
## approximation may be incorrect
```

```
## [1] 0.2856284
```

```
chisq.test(count_digits(data$random_digit))$p.value
```

```
## Warning in chisq.test(count_digits(data$random_digit)): Chi-squared
## approximation may be incorrect
```

```
## [1] 0.009502653
```

vi. \*(3 marks)\* Rather than depend upon the validity of the  $\chi^2_k$  approximation, we could simulate

Using the function `sapply()` and the function `sample()`, together with your functions `Pearson_chi_sq`

That is, write

```
get_chisqs <- function (n, B = 1000) {
  count_list <- list()
  for (i in 1:B){
    my_sample <- sample(0:9, n, replace = TRUE)
    count_list[[i]] <- count_digits(my_sample)
  }
  chisq_list<-sapply(1:B, function(x)
    Pearson_chi_sq(count_list[[x]]))
  return(chisq_list)
}
```

```
n <- nrow(data)
results <- get_chisqs(n = n, B = 1000)
```

```
#print(results)
```



vii. \*(3 marks)\* Use your function `get_chisqs()` to get `B = 10000` independent pseudo-random realizations.

That is, execute the following (N.B. in RMarkdown change header to `eval = TRUE`):

```
n <- nrow(data)
B <- 10000 # TEN thousand
set.seed(314159) # So we all get the same values
chisq_stats <- get_chisqs(n = n, B = B)
hist(chisq_stats,
     col = "lightgrey",
     main = "Simulated Pearson test null distribution",
     xlab = "test stat")
student_line <- Pearson_chi_sq(count_digits(data$student_digit))
#print(student_line)
random_line <- Pearson_chi_sq(count_digits(data$random_digit))
#print(random_line)
abline(v=student_line,col='red',lty=2)
abline(v=random_line,col='blue',lty=2)
legend("topright",legend=c('student_digit','random_digit'),col=c('red','blue'),lty =2)
```



To this histogram, add a vertical line in "red" where the corresponding statistics you calculated for the student digit data.

Put a legend in the top right that identifies the lines.

Based on this histogram, which collection of digits seem less likely to have been generated as a random sample?

- Random digit is less likely to have been generated as a random sample.
- The larger is  $X^2$ , the greater is the evidence against the model.
- random\_digit has large  $X^2$  value.

viii. \*(2 marks)\* The simulated distributions can be used to calculate approximate  $p$ -values by simulating.

Calculate these two  $p$ -values using the simulated test null distribution given by the vector `chisq_stats`.

```
chi_sq_student <- Pearson_chi_sq(count_digits(data$student_digit))
p_value_student <- sum(chisq_stats >= chi_sq_student)/length(chisq_stats)
print(p_value_student)
```

```
## [1] 0.3013
```

```
chi_sq_random <- Pearson_chi_sq(count_digits(data$random_digit))
p_value_random <- sum(chisq_stats >= chi_sq_random)/length(chisq_stats)
print(p_value_random)
```

```
## [1] 0.0107
```

ix. \*(2 marks)\* What do you conclude about the two hypotheses?

- For student digit, the  $p$ -value  $> 0.05$ , which means that the null hypothesis can be accepted.
- For random digit, the  $p$ -value  $< 0.05$ , which means that the null hypothesis should be rejected.
- student\_digit is randomly selected, the random\_digit is NOT randomly selected.